



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Sercel et al
Filed: 02/16/2001
App. No.: 09/788,331
For: Fiber-ring optical resonators

Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: John D. Lee

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

12/01/2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 07/30/2003, please amend the above named application as set forth hereinbelow. The amendments are presented in accordance with the Revised Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121 effective 07/30/2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A new **Abstract** appears on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 25 of this paper.

A shortened statutory period for reply of three months expired on 10/30/2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 12/01/2003 with the attached petition for a one-month extension of time and the required petition fee, 11/30/2003 falling on Sunday.

Prior to this amendment, the application included 58 claims, 47 of which were independent claims. As a result of this amendment, the application includes 52 claims, 44 of which are independent claims. Accordingly, no additional filing fee is due at this time.

Included herewith is a newly executed Power-of-Attorney/Authorization-of-Agent, as well as a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) and copies of relevant assignment/ownership documents in support thereof. Please direct all future correspondence to the address indicated.